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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tampon for feminine hygiene comprising an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a longitudinal axis, and an outer surface;

said tampon being comprised of compressed fibrous material;

wherein said outer surface of said tampon comprises a plurality of recessed portions, each of said recessed portions comprising a length dimension, a first side wall, and a second side wall, said first side wall having a proximal end, an opposed distal end, and a wall dimension extending between said proximal end and said distal end, said second side wall having a proximal end, an opposed distal end, and a wall dimension extending between said proximal end and said distal end, said proximal ends of said first and second side walls intersecting one another to form a vertex, wherein said first side wall dimension differs from said second side wall dimension, wherein the wall dimension of said first side wall varies as measured along at least a portion of said length dimension.

2. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said vertex is parallel with said longitudinal axis.

3. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said plurality of vertexes are spirally shaped.

4. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said vertexes are evenly spaced.

5. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has an essentially uniform density over a cross section of the tampon.

6. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has varying density over a cross-section of the tampon.

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7. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said tampon further comprises a core which is highly compressed.
8. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a withdrawal member.
9. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a finger indent.
10. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the wall dimension of said first wall varies as measured along the entire length dimension.
11. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the wall dimension of said first wall varies as measured along at least a portion of said length dimension.
12. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the wall dimension of said second wall varies as measured along at least a portion of said length dimension.
13. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the wall dimension of said second wall varies as measured along the entire length dimension.